

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with a divisional application of co-pending application 08/445,467, filed on May 22, 1995.

Claims 3, 23, and 49 are pending. Claims 1-2, 4-22, and 24-48 have been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 3 was amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 (from which it originally depended), thus putting the claim into independent form. Claim 23 was amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 20 (from which it originally depended), thus putting the claim into independent form. New claim 49 was added. This claim incorporates the limitations of originally filed claim 23 and claim 21, from which claim 23 originally depended.

Minor amendments of a clerical nature were made to the Specification. In particular, the title has been amended to more accurately reflect the subject matter of the invention and to correspond to the amended title in sister application 08/445,467, filed on May 22, 1995. Additionally, Cross-Reference to Related Applications has been corrected. On page 1, an amendment has been made to the attorney reference, and extraneous attorney docket numbers have been deleted.

An amendment to the sequence information has been made by substituting pages 95-138. This amendment corresponds to an amendment made on April 16, 1993 in parent application 07/938,336. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of this application by the Examiner is hereby requested.

Applicants: Kubersampath *et al.*

Request for Divisional Patent Application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact either of the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



Ivor R. Elrifi, Reg. No. 39,529

Ingrid A. Beattie, Reg. No. 42,306

Attorneys for Applicants

c/o MINTZ, LEVIN

One Financial Center

Boston, Massachusetts 02111

Tel: (617) 542-6000

Fax: (617) 542-2241

Dated: June 20, 2000

TRADOCS:1343084.1(SSBW01!.DOC)